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AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An operation microscope apparatus, comprising:

an operation microscope supported [[to]] by a pillar through an electrically-operated elevating device;

a lens support arm supported [[to]] by a support portion of the operation microscope so as to be movable between a use position at which the lens support arm is extended downward and a storage position at which the lens support arm is stored upward;

a front lens held by the lens support arm;

control means for controlling the electrically-operated elevating device;

a switch for upward-and-downward rough-motion; and

detection means for detecting a storage state of the lens support arm to output a detection signal,

wherein only when the detection signal of the storage state is received, the control means controls the electrically-operated elevating device by operating the switch to allow the operation microscope to move upward and downward.

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Claim 2 (Currently Amended): An operation microscope apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the lens support arm is supported ~~[[to]]~~ by the support portion so as to be movable upward and downward within a predetermined area.

Claim 3 (Original): An operation microscope apparatus according to claim 1 or 2, further comprising engaging means for engaging the lens support arm with the operation microscope at the storage position.